

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF JUSTICES



### CHIEF JUSTICE ELIZABETH A. WEAVER

Term expires January 1, 2003

Of Glen Arbor; born at New Orleans, Louisiana; B.A., 1962, H. Sophie Newcomb College, Phi Beta Kappa; J.D., 1965, Tulane University, Order of the Coif; an editor, *Tulane Law Review*, Institute of Judicial Administration Appellate Judges Seminar, New York University School of Law, New York City, 1987. Law clerk to Hon. Oliver P. Carriere, Louisiana Civil District Court. Admitted to practice in Louisiana 1965 and Michigan 1973; law practice New Orleans, Louisiana, and Glen Arbor, Michigan. Attorney/title specialist, Chevron Oil Company, Louisiana; law firm of Coleman, Dutrey, and Thomson. Elected Leelanau County Probate/Juvenile Judge November 1974, reelected to 6-year terms in 1976 and 1982, serving through January 1, 1987; elected to Michigan Court of Appeals 6-year term beginning January 1, 1987; reelected 1992; elected to Michigan Supreme Court in 1994; elected Chief Justice in January 1999 for a 2-year term. *Appointments:* by Governors Milliken, Blanchard, and Engler: Michigan Commission on Criminal Justice, Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice, Chair of Task Force for Children's Justice, and Chair of Trial Court Assessment Commission; by various Chief Justices: Judicial Coordination Council for Michigan Supreme Court, Special Committee Regarding Part-time Probate Judges Problem, Probate Court Docket Case Tracking Committee, Probate/Juvenile Court Benchmark Steering Committee, Supreme Court/Court of Appeals Committee. *Other Committees and Memberships:* Michigan Supreme Court Education Advisory Committee for Probate and Juvenile Judges, State Bar of Michigan (Juvenile Law Committee and Crime Prevention Center) (former chairs), Top of Michigan Probate and Juvenile Judges Association (former president), Michigan Probate and Juvenile Judges Association (former secretary), Western Michigan University Continuing Legal Education Advisory Board (former chair), National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, National Probate Judges Association, Criminal Justice Advisory and Economic Advisory Council of the Northwest Michigan Regional Planning Commission, Children's Charter of the Court of Michigan (former Treasurer), Zonta International Club, Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, Law and Organizational Economics Center Judicial Advisory Board, Clothes for Kids of America Inc. Board of Trustees. Bar Associations: American, Michigan, Louisiana, Grand Traverse-Leelanau-Antrim Counties. *Other:* Instructor and course originator "What Everyone Should Know About the Law," Central Michigan University Off-Campus Education Department. Former dean of girls and first grade teacher, Leelanau County; developed "Children and the Law" project for elementary schools. Member of Citizen's Advisory Council Arnell Engstrom Children's Center, Leelanau Center for Education (Board of Trustees), Chamber Arts North, Glen Arbor Township Zoning Board, and Traverse Bay Area Traffic and Safety Committee. Sunday School teacher and church board chair. *Miscellaneous:* featured in *People* magazine and appeared on "Good Morning America" for position on juvenile justice, named one of five Outstanding Young Women in Michigan by Michigan Jaycees, honorary member Delta Kappa Gamma (International Teachers Honor Society). Enjoys tennis, gardening, and outdoor activity.



**JUSTICE  
MICHAEL E. CAVANAGH**

Term expires January 1, 2007

Of East Lansing; born October 21, 1940, at Detroit; graduated from University of Detroit High School, 1958; B.A., University of Detroit, 1962; J.D., University of Detroit Law School, 1966; married Patricia Ferriss, 1966; children: Jane Elizabeth, Michael F. Jr., and Megan Kathleen; member, American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Ingham County Bar Association, American Judicature Society, and the Institute of Judicial Administration at New York University Law School; supervising Justice, Michigan Judicial Institute, 1986-1994; supervising Justice, Supreme Court Sentencing Guidelines Committee, 1983-1988; former supervising Justice, Michigan Court Reporting and Recording Board of Review; Board of Directors, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 1979-1988; past chairman, Board of Directors, American Heart Association of Michigan, 1984-1985; Past President, Tri-County Heart Unit, 1976-1977; Board of Directors, Lansing YMCA, 1977-1978; Past President, Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers, 1987-1988; Honorary Member, Rotary Club of Lansing, 1993-1995; Research Attorney, Michigan Court of Appeals, 1966-1967; City Attorney, City of Lansing, 1967-1969; partner in Lansing law firm of Farhat, Burns and Story, P.C., 1969-1973; elected to the 54-A Judicial District Court, 1973-1974; elected judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, 1975-1982; elected a Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court in November 1982 and reelected in November 1990 and November 1998; elected Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court for a 2-year term on January 8, 1991, and reelected Chief Justice January 7, 1993, for a 2-year term.



**JUSTICE  
STEPHEN J. MARKMAN**

Term expires January 1, 2005

Of Mason; born June 4, 1949, in Detroit; B.A., Duke University, 1971; J.D., University of Cincinnati Law School, 1974; legislative assistant, U.S. Rep. Edward Hutchinson of Michigan, ranking member, House Committee on Judiciary, 1975-1976; legislative assistant, U.S. Rep. Thomas Hagedorn of Minnesota, 1976-1978; Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, 1978-1985; Deputy Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Judiciary, 1984; nominated by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed by U.S. Senate as Assistant Attorney General of the United States for Legal Policy, 1985-1989; nominated by President George Bush and confirmed by U.S. Senate as United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, 1989-1993; coordinating prosecutor, Great Lakes Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force; law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, 1993-1994; Fellow, Michigan State Bar Foundation; Master of Bench, American Inns of Court; Alliance for Safe Streets in Detroit; Urban League Save Our Streets Campaign; Southwest Detroit Anti-Gang Coalition; New Detroit; authored numerous law review articles on constitutional and criminal justice topics in such journals as the *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, *Detroit College of Law Review*, *Stanford Law Review*, *University of Chicago Law Review*, *Rutgers Law Journal*, *American Criminal Justice Law Review*, *Barrister's Law Journal* and *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*; former Contributing Editor, *National Review* magazine; professor of constitutional law, Hillsdale College; Michigan, U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Claims, Sixth Circuit Bars; wife Mary Kathleen; two sons, James and Charles; appointed to Michigan Court of Appeals by Governor John Engler, effective January 1, 1995; elected to the Court of Appeals in November 1996 and reelected in November 1998. He was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor John Engler effective October 1, 1999.



**JUSTICE  
MARILYN KELLY**

Term expires January 1, 2005

Of Bloomfield Hills; born April 15, 1938; graduated from Mackenzie High School in Detroit; B.A., Eastern Michigan University; graduate study at LaSorbonne, University of Paris, France; Master's degree, Middlebury College, Vermont; taught French language and literature in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, Albion College, and at Eastern Michigan University; J.D., with honors, Wayne State University, 1971. Justice Kelly was a trial lawyer in Wayne County for six years and in Oakland County for 11 years where she formed the law firm of Marilyn Kelly and Associates. Former member and president, Michigan State Board of Education; former president, Women's Bar Association and Women Lawyers Association of Michigan; former member, State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly, Family Law Council and Communications Committee, Detroit Bar Association, and American Bar Association. Member, Women Lawyers Association, and Oakland County Bar Association where she has been active as chair of the Family Law Committee and committee co-chair of the President's Task Force on Improved Dispute Resolution; former panel member, Attorney Discipline Board; former board member, *Colleague* magazine, Michigan Judicial Institute; community service: board member, Women's Survival Center, Oakland County, former board member, Channel 56, public television in Detroit; former vice president of the board, Detroit Institute of Technology; former member, Development Committee, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac; former member, citizens' advisory committees, Detroit Public Schools, Wayne County Community College, and Oakland County Community College; recipient of an honorary doctorate from Eastern Michigan University and Distinguished Service award from Michigan Education Association; widowed after 28 years of marriage to Richard K. Stout; elected to the Court of Appeals, 2nd District, in 1988; reelected for a six-year term in 1994; elected to the Supreme Court in 1996.



**JUSTICE  
CLIFFORD W. TAYLOR**

Term expires January 1, 2001

Justice Taylor, of East Lansing, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1964 and a law degree from George Washington University in 1967. He was a U.S. Navy line officer from 1967-1971, served as Assistant Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney from 1971-1972, then became a partner in Denfield, Timmer, & Taylor. In 1992, Taylor was appointed, then elected for a six-year term, to the Michigan Court of Appeals. Governor John Engler appointed Taylor to the Michigan Supreme Court on September 1, 1997, to fill the vacancy left by Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley, who resigned from the Court on that date. He was elected to serve the remainder of the term in November 1998. Justice Taylor's term expires January 1, 2001.



**JUSTICE  
MAURA D. CORRIGAN**

Term expires January 1, 2007

Justice Maura Denise Corrigan was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in November 1998 to an eight-year term. She graduated magna cum laude from Marygrove College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969, and cum laude from the University of Detroit Law School with a Juris Doctor in 1973. Justice Corrigan served as a law clerk to the Honorable John Gillis of the Michigan Court of Appeals, worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Wayne County from 1974 to 1979, and was appointed Chief of Appeals in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan. In 1986, she was promoted to Chief Assistant United States Attorney, the first woman to hold that position. While in that post, she supervised the criminal and civil work of 75 assistant United States attorneys. In 1989, Justice Corrigan became a partner in the law firm of Plunkett & Cooney, specializing in litigation and appeals. In March of 1992, she was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals by Governor Engler. In November of 1992, she was elected to a partial term and then reelected in 1994 to a full six-year term. After receiving the nomination of her colleagues, the Supreme Court appointed her as Chief Judge of the 28-judge appeals court and its 250 employees in 1997. She served two years as Chief Judge before commencing her term as Supreme Court Justice. She has participated in numerous community and professional activities. Justice Corrigan is a past president of the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers and the Federal Bar Association, Detroit Chapter. She currently serves as a commissioner of the Michigan Law Revision Commission, an executive board member of the Michigan Judges Association, and member of the Judicial Advisory Board of the Center for Law and Organizational Economics at the University of Kansas Law School. She also lends her time to Boysville of Michigan as a member of the Board of Directors. Justice Corrigan has won many awards for her professional achievements, including the U.S. Department of Justice Director's Award for Outstanding Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and the Federal Bar Association's Leonard Gilman Award as the 1989 Outstanding Practitioner of Criminal Law. She has also published in journals such as the *Wayne Law Review* and *University of Toledo Law Review*. Justice Corrigan is married to Wayne State University Law Professor Joseph D. Grano and is the mother of Megan and Daniel.



**JUSTICE  
ROBERT P. YOUNG, JR.**

Term expires January 1, 2003

Justice Young, of Detroit, received a bachelor's degree and graduated cum laude from Harvard College in 1974, and a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1977. He practiced law for 15 years with the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman, then in 1992 was named vice president, corporate secretary and general counsel of AAA Michigan. Young was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals, 1st District, in 1995, and elected in 1996. He was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court in December 1998 to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Chief Justice Conrad L. Mallett, Jr. That term expires on January 1, 2003. He has served as a member of the Michigan Civil Service Commission and the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees.